

# TRUMAN'S FIGHT ON REDS LAUDED BY GEN. SMITH

Philadelphia, Oct. 13 AP)—Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, head of the central intelligence agency, said today he believes President Truman is doing a good job in fighting communism in the federal government.

The 57-year-old former ambassador to Russia said if the next President, either Democrat Adlai Stevenson or Republican Dwight Eisenhower, "does as well," the American people "will have little to worry about."

Smith offered the statement during testimony at an open hearing of the House un-American activities committee which began a week-long session here into Communist activities in the eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware areas.

## Explains Statement on Reds

The general was summoned by the committee to explain his Sept. 29 statement in which he said he believed Communists "are so adroit and adept they have infiltrated every security agency of the government."

Today, he admitted his earlier statement had been "predicated on pure theory and past performance" but insisted that he would be "extremely complacent if I believed that there was no Communist infiltration in the government."

He told the four House members—chairman Wood (D.) of Georgia, and Representative Walter (D) of Pennsylvania, Velde (R) of Illinois and Doyle (D) of California—that he was "morally certain" there were Communists in the CIA.

Smith, pressed by Walter, said he did not know the identity of any Communists in his organization, then elaborated:

"I have found no penetration of Communists in my organization outside of the United States; no American Communists and none within the scope of this committee.

## Cites Past Discoveries

"I believe that there are Communists in my organization outside of the United States because in the past we have from time to time discovered one or two in our ranks."

Then Smith interrupted his testimony and told the committee he was "no politician" and had "no political party affiliation" but he realized that what he said today, in a Presidential campaign

"Any future President, Republican or Democrat is going to have to work with the same security agencies now in existence," he said. "Both will have the same difficulties that we now encounter today.

"If either one of them, the Democrat or the Republican, does as well as President Truman in co-operation with the security agencies in ferreting out subversives, the American people can